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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of Messing, Robert O. et al.

Serial No.: 09/340,283

Examiner: R. Shukla

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Art Unit: 1632

For: PROTEIN KINASE C EPSILON AS A MODULATOR OF ANXIETY, ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION AND SELF-ADMINISTRATION OF DRUGS OF ABUSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

In response to the Official Action of March 24, 2000, the period for response having been extended as a result of the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time and requisite fee, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Add new claims 29-53 as follows:

Adjustment date: 01/02/2001. PWILSON 00000002 033117 09340283
10/10/2000 FJACKSON 00000002 033117 09340283
01 FC:102 546.00 CR
02 FC:103 504.00 CR
The method of claim 10, wherein said compound inhibits the activity of PKCs and said symptoms of anxiety are reduced.

30. The method of claim 29, wherein said compound selectively inhibits the activity of PKCs.

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01 FC:102 468.00 CR
02 FC:103 450.00 CR